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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

**MICHAEL W. DOBBINS
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT**

**U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMISSION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**THE VALVE SERVICES GROUP, INC.
ALLIED VALVE INDUSTRIES, INC.**

Defendants.

05C 4593
Civil Action No.

COMPLAINT

JURY DEMAND **JUDGE HOLDERMAN**

MAGISTRATE JUDGE COLE

NATURE OF THE ACTION

This is an action under Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "ADA"), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981a, to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of disability, and to provide appropriate relief to Roger L Brandt, Jr. ("Brandt") who was adversely affected by such practices. As alleged with greater particularity below, The Valve Services Group and Allied Valve Industries, Inc. ("Defendants"), failed to interview and to hire Brandt, a qualified individual with a disability, deafness, because of his disability.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 451, 1331, 1337, 1343 and 1345. This action is authorized and instituted pursuant to Section 107(a) of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), 42 U.S.C. § 12117(a), which incorporates by reference Sections 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VII"), 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3), and pursuant to Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42

U.S.C. § 1981a.

2. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful were and are now being committed within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the "Commission"), is the agency of the United States of America charged with the administration, interpretation and enforcement of Title I of the ADA and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Section 107(a) of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12117(a), which incorporates by reference Sections 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3).

4. Defendants, The Allied Valve Services Group, Inc. and Allied Valve Industries, Inc., are Illinois corporations. At all relevant times, Defendants have continuously been doing business in the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago, and have continuously had at least fifteen (15) employees.

5. At all relevant times, Defendants have continuously been employers engaged in an industry affecting commerce under Section 101(5) of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12111(5), and Section 101(7) of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12111(7), which incorporates by reference Sections 701(g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e(g) and (h).

6. At all relevant times, Defendants have been a covered entity under Section 101(2) of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12111(2).

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

7. More than thirty days prior to the institution of this lawsuit, Brandt filed a charge with

the Commission alleging violations of Title I of the ADA by Defendants. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.

8. Since at least February 2004, Defendants have engaged in unlawful employment practices in violation of Section 102(a) and 102(b)(5) of Title I of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12112(a), (b)(5). Such practices include, but are not limited to, failing to interview and hire Brandt and failing to accommodate him.

9. The effect of the practices complained of in paragraph 8 above has been to deprive Brandt of equal employment opportunities and otherwise adversely affect his status as an applicant for employment because of his disability.

10. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs 8 and 9 above were intentional.

11. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs 8 and 9 above were done with malice or with reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of Brandt.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully prays that this Court:

A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants, its officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practice which discriminates on the basis of disability.

B. Order Defendants to institute and carry out policies, practices, and programs which provide equal employment opportunities for qualified individuals with disabilities, and which eradicate the effects of its past and present unlawful employment practices.

C. Order Defendants to make whole Roger L. Brandt, Jr. by providing appropriate

backpay with prejudgment interest, in amounts to be determined at trial, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful employment practices.

D. Order Defendants to make whole Brandt by providing compensation for past and future pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, including job search expenses, in amounts to be determined at trial.

E. Order Defendants to make whole Brandt by providing compensation for past and future nonpecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful practices complained of in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, including pain, suffering, emotional distress, injury to his professional reputation, inconvenience, and mental anguish, in amounts to be determined at trial.

F. Order Defendants to pay Brandt punitive damages for its malicious and reckless conduct, as described in paragraphs 8 and 9, in amounts to be determined at trial.

G. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper in the public interest.

II. Award the Commission its costs of this action.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

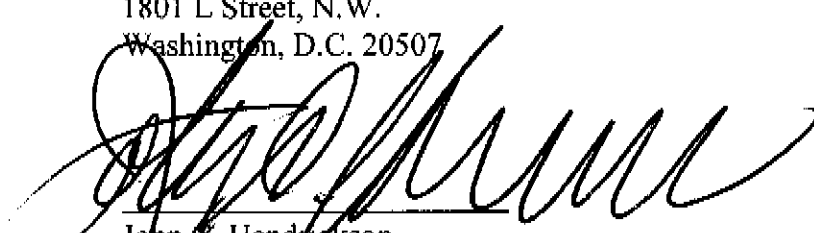
The Commission requests a jury trial on all questions of fact raised by the Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

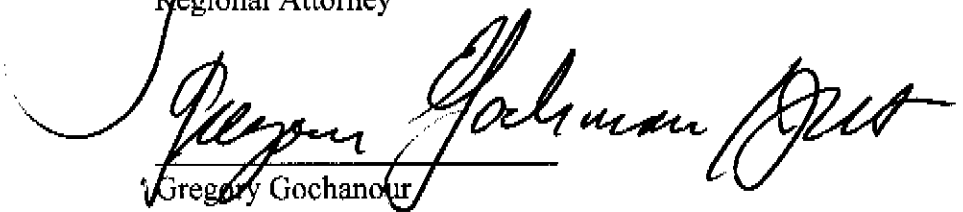
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